

INTERIM REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
to the

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WOODBRIDGE for the year 1940.

Gentlemen,

Herewith the Annual Report for the year 1940, drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of Circular No 2314 of the Ministry of Health.

Statistics.

During 1940 the same variations in population were experienced as in the earlier months of the war. The following figures are supplied by the Registrar-General :-

- (a) Resident population (Registrar-General's estimate) mid-1940. }
- (b) Average population appropriate to the calculation of } 4992.
- Death rates)

		A.			B.		
		Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.
<u>Live Births.</u>	Legitimate.	57.	35.	22.	56	34.	22.
	Illegitimate.	3	1.	2.	3	1.	2.

This gives a Birth Rate of 12.0 per 1000 mid-year resident population as compared with 11.9 in 1939. (England and Wales 14.6).

		Total.	M.	F.
<u>Still Births.</u>	Legitimate.	1.	1.	-
	Illegitimate.	Nil.	-	-

This gives a still Birth Rate of 16.6 per 100 total (live and still) Births.

		Total.	M.	F.
<u>Deaths.</u>		85.	42.	43.

This gives a Death Rate of 17.0 per 1000 mid-year population (England & Wales 14.3). Using the comparability Factor this gives a Death Rate of 13.3.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes. Nil.

Death Rates of Infants under 1 year or age:-

All Infants per 1000 live births.	16.9
Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births	17.8.
Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	Nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	9.
Deaths from Measles. do.	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough do.	Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years).. . . .	Nil.

Notifiable Diseases (other than tuberculosis) during 1940 :-

Diseases.	Total Notified.	Ages.												Adm. to. Hosp.	Total Deaths.
		0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65 & up.		
Scarlett Fever	9				1		1	1	3	1		2		5	-
Enteric Fever.	1									1				1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1									1				1	-
Pneumonia	7				1			1					5		1
Measles.	7		1	1	4			1							-
Cerebrospinal Fever	4								1	2		1			-
Erysipelas	3									1	1	1			-

There was no epidemic outbreak of any infectious disease. Some enhanced incidence of chicken pox among children but not in epidemic proportions.

The solitary case of Enteric Fever occurred among the military population, as did three of the four cases of Cerebrospinal Fever.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Herewith an analysis of New Cases and Deaths under the heading Tuberculosis.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-								
1-								
5-								
10-								
15-			1.					
20-								
25-		1.				1.		
35-								
45-	1.							
55-					1.	1.		
65 & Upwards.	1.					1.		

Eight cases were removed from the Tuberculosis register for the reasons noted hereunder.

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Totals.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Diagnosis not established.	-	-	-	-	-
Removed to other districts.	2	1	1	1	5
Cured.	1	-	2	-	2

Cases coming to this area from other district were established as under.

Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.
M.	F.	M.	F.	
2	1	1	1	5

The subject of Housing and other statistics are being postponed until the post-war Survey Report as asked for by the Ministry of Health.

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